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WIFE OF GENERAL PERSHING KILLED WITH 3 CHILDREN

Mother and Babies Suffocated
By Explosion of Lamp in
Quarters at Presidio

WAS ONLY DAUGHTER OF
SEN. AND MRS. WARREN

Local Friends of Well-Known
Wyoming Family Shocked
By News of Tragedy

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., August 27.—Mrs. Frances Warren Pershing, wife of Brigadier-General J. J. Pershing, and three of their four children were suffocated to death last night in their quarters at the Presidio, by the explosion of a lamp which filled their rooms with gas and smoke.

The three daughters, Helen, Anne and Margaret, are dead. The young son, Warren, escaped with Mrs. Boswell, a relative, and her two children. Mrs. Pershing is the daughter of Senator and Mrs. Francis E. Warren of Wyoming.

Mrs. Pershing had planned to join her husband shortly on the Mexican border, where he is commanding troops.

Mrs. Walter Boswell, who escaped, is the wife of Lieut. Boswell of the 21st Infantry, Gen. Pershing's aid in the Moro campaign. At present he is stationed in Atlanta at a military school.

The burned bodies were found this morning.

Friends of the Warrens in Honolulu were shocked almost beyond words when told today of the tragedy that has fallen upon the family.

Gen. and Mrs. Pershing are well-known here, having passed through several times on their way to and from the Philippines, and Senator and Mrs. Warren were here last May with the congressional party. They have many friends and acquaintances made in the islands and several former residents of Wyoming now here know the family well.

Robert W. Shingle, a personal friend of all the Warrens and one bound by many ties, was told the news early this morning by the Star-Bulletin. It was a heavy shock to him.

"Why, those little children have been in my house and played with my children," he said and told them of a little incident when the Pershings were last here on their way to the states. The Pershing youngsters were playing with the Shingle babies and had brought from their steamer some of their favorite dolls. The dolls got mixed up and in the hurry of leaving some of the Pershing dolls were left behind to be cherished by the Shingle children with special care.

Gen. Pershing is now on the Mexican border, stationed at El Paso, though his family has been at the Presidio. Gen. Pershing commands the 6th Brigade at El Paso.

It was not long ago that the Honolulu papers mentioned the fact that Gen. Pershing might come to Hawaii to command the Hawaiian department.

Mrs. Pershing was Senator Warren's only daughter. They have a son, Fred Warren, who has succeeded his father as manager of the Warren Land & Livestock Company of Cheyenne.

Attorney A. L. C. Atkinson knew Mrs. Pershing very well. He attended her wedding in Washington. Former Postmaster J. G. Pratt, now practicing law here, is another friend of the Pershings and Warrens.

So, in fact, are virtually all of the "Wyoming delegation," as it is sometimes humorously called, in Hawaii.

10TH COMPANY DEFEATS 25TH IN TRACK MEET

At a well-contested track meet at Port De Russy this morning the 10th Company, C. A. C., defeated the 25th. Many spectacular performances featured the day, which was not so remarkable for fast time as for close finishes. The events were of almost all kinds, from swimming to potato races, but aside from some skinned noses in the latter event the contests between the soldiers produced no injuries.

The features of the day were a 300-yard relay on the track in which four men on each side sprinted 75 yards apiece, and another relay in the water in which the soldiers swam back and forth from the pier to the float which is anchored 75 yards out. A baseball game is being played at the post this afternoon.

Today's victory marks the third consecutive time that the 10th has defeated the 25th at a track meet.

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JOSHUA TUCKER, LAND COMMISSIONER, SO ILL FRIENDS ARE ALARMED



J. D. Tucker.

Land Commissioner Joshua D. Tucker is so seriously ill at the Beretania sanitarium that today his attending physician, Dr. Arthur G. Hodgins, would not give definite assurance that the patient will recover. His friends are seriously alarmed at the condition of the territorial official known generally and affectionately as "Josh."

Mr. Tucker has been ill for several days and was ordered removed to the sanitarium when the gravity of the case developed. Heart trouble is the ailment.

One daughter, Mrs. L. H. Bigelow, is in Honolulu. His wife and others of his children are now in California.

Late this afternoon Mr. Tucker had rallied somewhat, and Dr. Hodgins expressed himself as pleased with the condition of his patient, whose chances for further improvement he characterized as "very good."

GATE RECEIPTS MAY SEND TEAM TO COAST MEET

All is in readiness for the races at Schofield Barracks tomorrow afternoon, the first big race meet ever held at the big army post, and judging by the preparations that have been made and the interest taken, the affair should be a great success.

The entire Schofield garrison is expected to be in attendance. A special excursion train will leave Honolulu at 12:30 p. m., and in the early afternoon a long line of automobiles will wind its way up the tortuous road to Lethua. The round trip train fare will be \$1.

A few days ago news was received that the transport Dix could not possibly make Honolulu in time to transport the Cavalry-Artillery team to San Francisco to take part in the various mounted contests and races to be held by the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

This news cast a gloom over the six officers and 24 enlisted men who were to have represented the Hawaiian department at the exposition, and who have for several months been training their mounts and devoting a great deal of time and energy in preparation for this trip.

If the race meet tomorrow is a financial success the team will surely go to the exposition. It will require at least \$800 to ship the horses by commercial liner, and of course the Dix will be able to bring them back. Lieut. Edgar M. Whiting, who is in charge of the races, and his several associates are all confident that the receipts from admissions tomorrow will enable the team to go to San Francisco independent of government transportation.

Both the track for the flat races and the steeplechase course were carefully gone over yesterday by a party of officers and declared in perfect condition. The jumps and fences have all been whitewashed, which gives the field a very pleasing appearance. The (Continued on page two)

PALAMA BASKETBALL TEAM WINS ON MAUI

[Special Star-Bulletin Wireless]
WAILUKU, Maui, Aug. 27.—Before one of the biggest crowds that ever attended a basketball game on Maui, the Palama Set team of Honolulu defeated the Wailuku Gymnasium team last night. Palama's teamwork was splendid. The score at the end of the first half was Palama 21, Gymnasium 9, and in the second half the visitors increased their score to 31, while the Gymnasium team could not better its former figure. The same teams will play tonight and tomorrow night.

OAHU WILL HAVE GIRDLE OF FORTS TO REPEL ENEMY

Plans Said to Include Coast
Artillery Stations Every Three
Miles Around the Island

SIXTEEN-INCH GUNS
FOR BARBER'S POINT

Koko Head Will Have Mortar
Batteries and Pass at Pali
Will Be Well Protected

More forts for Oahu, some to be armed with mortars, some with rifles similar to those at De Russy, and one, at least, to have a battery of huge 16-inch rifles—the most powerful and longest ranged gun of all of America's defensive armament—are said to be included in the rapidly shaping plans for Oahu's further defensive fortifications.

The plans when carried to their completion will girdle the island of Oahu with forts, and make it, literally, impregnable. Every three miles there will be a fortress of some kind; every advantageous head, hill and promontory will be bristled with guns and mortars, so that there will be no possibility of a hostile fleet approaching within striking distance of the island without encountering a raking fire from a number of fortifications. Landing parties will be out of the question, and every possible avenue of approach will be well guarded.

Chief among the new forts now definitely planned is a fortification at Barber's Point, and there the battery of 16-inch guns will be located, to aid use 14-inch guns now at De Russy and the mortars at Diamond Head and Kamehameha in protecting the approaches to Honolulu harbor.

Koko Head is designed to accommodate a fort with two batteries of high power mortars, similar to those now mounted in the Diamond Head crater.

The north side of the island will also be adequately protected. Plans now meeting with approval are for a rifle battery of large guns to be located in the two notches near the Pali, called the King's and Queen's Seat. Though the guns will be in the notches the barracks and quarters for the operating company will be at the southern base of the precipitous slope.

These guns could effectively prevent the landing of any armed force on the northern side of the island, which at present is altogether unprotected, save for the fact that the Ruger mortars could throw shells over there in case of an emergency, and that an infantry force could for a time hold the Pali pass with machine guns, though they would be at the mercy of the guns of warships lying off the north shore.

The exact location of the other forts contemplated has not been divulged, but it is known that the plans contemplate fortifications at intervals not to exceed three miles each all around Oahu.

MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS FATAL OIL EXPLOSION

Ralph Harrub, Third Victim,
Dies Early This Afternoon;
Investigations Started

Ralph Harrub, the third victim of yesterday's explosion of a tank of distillate at the Standard Oil Company's plant at Iwilei, died at Queen's hospital this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Carl Elrich died last night at 8:30, and Anton Schieber died just five minutes before midnight.

A double investigation of the explosion and fire yesterday morning in a distillate tank at Iwilei owned by the Standard Oil Company, which resulted in the death of three men, was begun today by Charles R. Forbes, superintendent of public works and chairman of the public utilities commission.

From his investigations Mr. Forbes will arrange data for use by the Public Utilities Commission, one of the victims having been a Hawaiian Electric Co. employee. The commission probably will immediately probe the affair to ascertain, among other things, the cause of the accident, which still remains a mystery as far as the management of the local branch of the Standard Oil Company is concerned.

The data which Mr. Forbes secures will also be used by the department of public works for any probable it may wish to make. As superintendent of the department, Mr. Forbes has the control of all explosives in the territory.

"Those in charge of the local office of the company also will make a thorough investigation," said Augustus S. Prescott, district sales manager for the company, today. "As the matter now stands, we don't know any more about the accident, or what caused it, than we did yesterday. The

CHARLES PRICE, OF U. S. MARINES, KILLED IN HILLS

Plunges 500 Feet to Instant
Death From Kolo Kolo Trail
Near Town of Waianae

SKULL FRACTURED AND
NECK BROKEN BY FALL

Rolling Stones Down Precipice
When Earth at Edge of Trail
Crumbles Under His Feet

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence]
SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, August 26.—Yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, Corporal Charles Price, U. S. Marine Corps, accidentally plunged and rolled some 500 feet to his death from the top of one of the dangerous cliffs of the Waianae range overlooking the town of Waianae.

He and three other companions, all members of the detachment of marines and sailors from the cruiser Maryland camped at Schofield Barracks for rifle practice, were out for a walk and had taken the dangerous path leading south from Kolo Kolo pass along the very top of the ridge.

At one of the most precipitous points Corporal Price stepped to roll boulders over the cliff into the chasm below. Two of the party went on ahead while Bugler Adams remained with Price. As Price was rolling an unusually large rock toward the edge of the cliff he was warned by Adams of the danger of the earth giving way along the edge. This was exactly what happened and both Price and the boulder were precipitated over the cliff.

While Adams ran some three miles into Schofield Barracks for assistance, the other two members of the party went down the mountain by the road over Kolo Kolo pass and laboriously worked their way up to the foot of the cliff over which Corporal Price had fallen, and found him with a fractured skull and broken neck, and otherwise badly mangled.

The rescue party from Schofield were unable to reach Price until after dark, and it was found impossible to do anything toward bringing the body back to Schofield until daylight when work will commence. It is going to be a difficult and perilous undertaking and will require the use of lines from the top of the cliff.

Price had been a member of the Maryland's force of marines for two and a half years. He enlisted from Miles Falls, Mont. His age was 38, both parents are dead and he has an uncle living in Los Angeles, Cal.

This morning, acting under orders from Capt. S. E. W. Kittelle of the Maryland, an inquest board consisting of Executive Officer, Royd, Surgeon Carl and Assistant Surgeon Ross, held an inquest over Price's remains. The body is being brought to Honolulu late this afternoon and will probably be shipped to the mainland for interment or cremated and the ashes forwarded to relatives.

Price was acting as coach for the marine company engaged in small-arm practice at Fort Shafter, when he went on the walk that resulted in his death.

ENGLISH POUND DROPS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]
NEW YORK, N. Y., August 27.—English pound has dropped to \$4.63 1/2 exchange.

WAKEFIELDS START FOR ORIENT ON NIPPON MARU

Franklin W. Wakefield and Mrs. Wakefield, who until Wednesday afternoon was Mrs. Edith Spreckels, will leave for Yokohama on the Nippon Maru when it sails from this port tonight at 10 o'clock.

According to former announcement the Wakefields were to make a journey to the island of Kauai before leaving the territory. Owing, however, to the accident at the Standard Oil tanks yesterday, which resulted in the death of Carl Elrich, superintendent at the yards, they gave up the Kauai trip. Mrs. Wakefield was a personal friend of the Elrichs, and has been with Mrs. Elrich continually since the accident.

men who were on top of the tank are the only ones who know.

Up until press time, the company had filed no reports of the accident with the industrial accident board. The clerk in charge of the board's office in the McCandless building said that, while it is required that reports be filed within 24 hours after accidents, the Standard Oil Company probably will be given certain leeway owing to difficulty in obtaining the facts.

Carl Elrich and Anton Schieber, Standard Oil construction superintendent and Standard Oil foreman, respectively, who were working on top of the distillate tank at the time of the explosion and fire, died at the Queen's hospital last night. The bodies were removed to Williams' undertaking establishment. Schieber died at 11:55

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GRODNO, LAST OF POLISH STRONGHOLDS, IS FALLING

S. S. Minnesota to
Be Sold; Line Will
Quit Transpacific

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 27.—The Great Northern Steamship Company is preparing to sell the giant liner Minnesota, largest steamship on the Pacific, and discontinue its transpacific service. The Minnesota has proved an unprofitable investment. Both it and its sister ship, Dakota, wrecked several years ago, lost money heavily for the owners. The Minnesota is now at Vladivostok. On its return it will load cargo at Seattle and go to England around the Horn. The steamship is too large to go through the canal. It is valued at \$2,000,000, and probably will be secured by an English buyer.

SAY ARSON RING RESPONSIBLE FOR PORTLAND FIRE

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless]

PORTLAND, Ore., August 27.—Sanford Currier was arrested here today. The police say he is the head of an "arson ring" operating in the coast cities. Two blocks bounded by Grand, Union, East Mill and Stephens streets were burned over today with a \$50,000 loss. The fire started in a sash factory. A year ago the police arrested several members of a gang said to be in an arson ring.

PANAMA CANAL FIGURES FOR YEAR MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 27.—Figures on a year's operation of the Panama Canal show that the Suez Canal passed two and three-fifths times as many ships in the year as did Panama, and collected four and five-eighths times as many tolls. Panama receipts up to August 15 amounted to \$5,216,149. Ships passed were 1317, with a tonnage of 6,494,673 tons.

SANTA FE TRAIN IN RIVER; SEVERAL DIE

PHOENIX, Ariz., August 27.—A Santa Fe train, running between Phoenix and Prescott, was wrecked 70 miles north of here this afternoon when a bridge which had been weakened by a flood caused by a cloudburst went down as the train swept upon it. Four persons were killed and 12 injured.

EXCURSION PROMOTER INDICTED IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Ill., August 27.—W. K. Greenbaum, manager of the Indiana Transportation Company, lessee of the steamer Eastland on the excursion trip which began and ended with the terrible disaster at the dock here, was indicted today by the Cook county grand jury on a charge of manslaughter.

PRIEST SHOTS BISHOP WHO REFUSED HIM PLACE

WINONA, Minn., August 27.—Father L. M. Leeches, a demoted priest, today shot and wounded Patrick Heffernan, bishop of the diocese. The bishop had refused him an assignment he wanted. The wound will not be fatal.

CARRANZA WILL MOVE TO MEXICO CITY NOW

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 27.—Gen. Carranza is moving his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City on Sunday. It is thought this is a move to obtain recognition if possible from the United States.

BASEBALL RESULTS

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Boston—Boston 9, Chicago 4; second game—Chicago 4, Boston 1.
At New York—New York 2, Pittsburgh 1.
At Brooklyn—St. Louis 11, Brooklyn 7.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Detroit—Detroit 9, New York 1; second game—Detroit 11, New York 3.
At Cleveland—Cleveland 4, Boston 3.
At Chicago—Chicago 3, Philadelphia 2.
At St. Louis—Washington 3, St. Louis 1.

ARABIC SINKING SUBJECT OF REPEATED ASSURANCES; COAL STRIKE HAS SERIOUS ASPECT

TROUBLES WITH WELSH MINERS MAY HASTEN CONSCRIPTION SYSTEM AT WHICH LORD SELBORNE HINTED—AVIATORS OF ALLIES AND TEUTONS CARRY ON RAIDS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless]
LONDON, England, Aug. 27.—The Russians are so hard pressed that they are preparing to evacuate Grodno.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today called upon Secretary of State Lansing and notified him that Germany is preparing to give the United States "full satisfaction" for the sinking of the Arabic.

It is expected that Germany will go further than merely a disavowal of authorization for the sinking, in case the facts are established that the German submarine torpedoed the White Star liner without giving warning.

The German government's reiterations of assurances concerning the Arabic has reassured the American administration on the whole subject of the submarine campaign. It is expected that negotiations to settle the Lusitania incident will follow the Arabic matter.

Strike of Welsh Coal Miners May Have Far-Reaching Results

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 27.—Serious possibilities face the government today through the strike of 25,000 coal miners in the South Wales district and the signs of disaffection among many more. It is reported that thousands of others are on the verge of a strike.

A big coal shortage is threatened because the miners in a number of the districts are dissatisfied with the results of the recent arbitration, when Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George induced them to return to work. They claim that they are being treated unfairly in the settlement.

The government may find it necessary to invoke the munitions act under which laborers may be punished for refusing to work. Furthermore, the action of the miners has revived talk of conscription as a means of forcing the able-bodied men to respond to England's need not only for men but for war material.

Russians Forced Further Back; Hold Only One Polish Fortress

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 27.—The German armies in the north of Poland and the Austrians in the south continue to press forward. News came from Petrograd today that the Russians have evacuated Olita, and that now the fortress of Grodno is the only Russian stronghold left on the line that stretched from the Baltic provinces south to Galicia. It is virtually the only stronghold of importance in Poland that Germany has not captured.

Germans and Allies Carrying Out Air Campaign Mostly of Retaliation

PARIS, France, Aug. 27.—Official—Last Thursday German aviators bombarded St. Bausant and Essey stations and a gas factory at Dornach, on the north Scottish coast. In retaliation an air raid was made by the Allies on Friday on a power plant at Muhlheim, which was bombed and the aviators returned unharmed.

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji.)
TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 27.—Premier Okuma has denied the report that Japan will send troops to the aid of Russia. Arms and ammunition will be sent, he says, but no arrangements have been consummated for furnishing troops.

[Additional Telegraph Despatches on Page 7]

ATTACH SALARIES OF MAYOR AND 241 OTHERS FOR UNPAID TAXES

The payroll of 242 city employees, including the heads of several departments and Mayor Lane, was attached by the territorial tax office today because of non-payment of delinquent taxes. It was reported that R. W. Aylett, superintendent of the garbage department and of sleepy watchman fame, owes the territory nearly \$1000 in back taxes, and if so it will be many months before the attachment runs out and the bill is satisfied.

The law allows an attachment of 25 per cent of the pay of government employees to satisfy unpaid tax charges. Some idea of the high percentage of delinquent taxpayers in the city service can be obtained from these figures. Of the 30 members of the Hawaiian Band, 23 of them had their pay attached for back taxes. In the mayor's office every employee, including the messenger and the chauffeur, has his salary attached.

Of the small number of employees at Kapiolani park, 27 of them will get only 75 per cent of their salaries until the back taxes are paid in full. The following is the number of employees whose pay has been held up: Fire department, 24; purchasing department, 3; Honolulu jail, 13; police department, 79; city attorney's office, 2; water works, 38; clerk's office, 3; first district court, 3; sanitation and health department, 5; electric lighting department, 4; garbage department, 1; signal system, 1.

The order, accompanied by the list of employees and the amounts due the territory from each, was given to City Auditor Bicknell this morning. Mr. Bicknell said he will comply with the "request" and the first "instalments" will be deducted from this month's salary roll. The next payday is Tuesday, and 242 city employees will get only 75 per cent of their regular wages.

Mayor Lane said today that an error in the tax office accounts for his name being on the list of those whose salaries are to be withheld for non-payment of taxes. He says that his bill for taxes was several dollars less than the true amount due the territory, and he says he settled this short account believing that it was all that he owed. Later, he said, a statement for the balance was sent to him and it is for this amount that his name appears on the list.

Purchasing Agent Botta had his name taken off the list this afternoon when it was learned that he had paid his taxes late yesterday. One of them in the clerk's office also had his name removed from the list because he had paid his taxes yesterday.